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Dear Bryanna,

Hello! How are you?! I hope you're happy and content with things. I see that you happen to enjoy reading, as you have 214 of your own books. I too have been reading since I was small—five years old. I used to read with my mom when I was small. It was really nice. Of course, my small collection of books does not compare to yours of 214, but I have some.

My favorite book is Carry On by Rainbow Rowell. Have you ever heard of it? It's really descriptive and magical, and I would recommend it. The book before Carry On is Fangirl, which is also pretty good.

What's your favorite book?

I also saw that you're into anime. I am too! My favorite anime is Owari No Seraph, truly iconic. What is yours? I actually have gotten out of anime and transitioned into K-pop. I currently love BTS, a great group in my opinion. It's a group of seven members. What kind of music are you into?

This is getting sort of long—I'm sorry. I hope you're well and that your day is amazing! Hope to hear from you and learn some things.

Sincerely,

Kayla

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Dear Kayla,

Hey! I was so happy to read your letter. To answer your question, I've seen Carry On at the store before, but I've never read it. I've seen Fangirl too. My favorite book is probably Diary of an Oxygen Thief. I love that we can relate over how much we love books.

I'm into a lot of different music, especially old school R&B, like Kanye, NWA, Dr. Dre, stuff like that. You should totally tell me more about your family, I'd love to know! I can start: I have a younger brother and sister. Sorry my letter is so short, but I

really hope you are doing well. I hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Bry

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Dear Bryanna,

I enjoyed reading your letter. Thank you for taking the time to read mine and respond to it. While writing this, I am so happy about being able to get tickets to see BTS perform in Chicago! It makes me really happy knowing that I will be able to see them in person and not just through a screen. After seeing Bangtan for so long, they begin to seem unreal and so distant. I happen to really love music, especially a song where you can really feel the beat and the rhythm. Music is always a go-to for me, it can make my mood go from zero to one hundred. I hold music very close to my heart.

Something else I hold close to my heart is my older sister Bianca. Bianca and I have a very close bond and relationship. She always comes to me when she has problems with her boyfriend and other things. We are very playful with each other and can always make each other laugh. She's like my other half. Though we used to fight tons when we were smaller, we have bonded a bunch since then and have gotten much closer.

Who is someone you hold close to your heart? Have you ever had some wild times with your siblings? When I was smaller, I was mad at my sister for some reason. She had been sharpening pencils and so I took one from her and stabbed her with the pencil! Of course, I was small and didn't know what the outcome would be, but that really happened! I love my sister to pieces and would never try to hurt her on purpose. Another time, my sister got mad and kicked me in my stomach. It shows how much we used to fight, but also how we've matured together. How is your relationship with your siblings? I hope your day goes well (when you receive this)!

Sincerely,

Kayla

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Dear Kayla,

Hi! It's great to hear back from you. I'm so excited for you about seeing BTS in person! Concerts are so much fun. I've only been to two my whole life sadly :( . But I've been trying to save my money to see The Weekend in concert on May 27. Your letter was so cute and I'm so glad you have such a good connection with your older sister. Those type of connections are the best. It's like having your BFF live with you. I'm the oldest of three, my brother is eight and my sister is two. We're all like super crazy close

though, for being so far apart in age. And yes, pretty much every time I'm with them it's pretty crazy because they're so young and hyper!

For these letters, how about I tell you some things about myself and my life? Then when you write back, you can do the same and that way we get to know each other a little better. So, hmm, well, you already know I'm the oldest of three. I live with my dad. I play soccer, volleyball, and basketball. I LOVE Thai food even though I'm full Puerto Rican. I'm not sure what else. I guess I'm a pretty boring person after all.

I love school, though not the learning and being in class all day part. Seeing my friends and boyfriend, and not sitting in my house all day, is fun to me. High school is so fun—you're going to love it! Freshman year was way more fun than this year so far. Freshman year, the classes are easy, you make new friends and just have a lot of fun. I made so many new friends and met my boyfriend last year. I hung out after school all the time, so I was barely home. One piece of advice about high school that I can truthfully give you is that your old elementary school friends may or may not stick around when you're all in high school. Most likely, they will not. I had been BEST friends with a group of four girls since the first grade, but now that we're at different schools, we don't even text or talk anymore. But it's okay. I met even better people who love me and won't let distance get between us.

That's basically it, kiddo. You lose some, you win some. Sorry I wrote so much. I felt

like I owed you after your awesome letter, and since my last one was so short :( I love ya, Kayla. Write back soon!

Bryanna

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Hey Bryanna!

I hope you've been feeling well and that you've been able to enjoy yourself. About high school and the friend thing, I think I have one friend I can count on to keep in touch with me even after we've gone off to high school. Her name is Nicole and she means tons to me. She and I have been friends since second grade. Though the amount of time we've been friends might not matter to some people, it surely means something to me. She was the whole reason I even got tickets to see BTS in the first place! I'm so thankful to have her as a friend.

She is a precious angel. I once went over to her house and we just hung out on her roof listening to music. Things like that make me happy. Someone you can hang out with, just listening to music and having fun with, is someone you should never let go. I have never grown tired of her. Nicole and I have even had six whole GBs worth of text messages—I love Nicole! One time she and I were talking, and she said she would not allow us to drift apart. I love that I have someone who can even tell me that in the first

place. Though I might sound young and naive to you, Bryanna, I believe we'll stay in touch.

Middle school has been wild for me. In my English class (when 826CHI comes) I sit with my classmates named Jennifer, Inocente, and Daniel. They are all very fun to be around. Daniel is a good storyteller, occasionally making jokes between stories. He can make even the grumpiest of people laugh. Jennifer is generally quiet, but depending on who she's around, she can become very loud and giggly. Inocente is very quiet, but he's pretty funny if you listen close and ever catch one of his jokes. Together we all blend well and we love making each other laugh.

I also have another friend named Jen and I love her so much! Jen is very funny, but also very relaxing and refreshing. She's very good with emotions and helping others. It's amazing, like, how she is even REAL?! I am terrible at comforting people when they're upset, so it is amazing to see someone like Jen as an actual, walking, breathing person who can do that.

All in all, I cherish all my friends very much and would love to keep in touch with them, but I obviously can't expect so much from everyone, like you said. Whether we stay in touch or not, I know I will definitely not forget all the nice things they have done for me and I will cherish all the beautiful memories. I hope you yourself have great friends and memories that you can look back at and smile. I hope you have been

enjoying yourself and that you like reading my letter.

I wish you all the best! Until next time, Bryanna.

Sincerely,

Kayla